

AN ORDINANCE

Councilmember Anne Fauver

An Ordinance to amend Chapter Two, Article II, Division 2, Section 2-104(a) (Entitled "Remarks from Public") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta so as to allow persons representing an organization or a group to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes; and for other purposes.

Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Atlanta as follows

Section 1: That that Section 2-104 which reads:

Sec. 2-104. Remarks from public.

(a) The council shall hear remarks from the public at its regularly scheduled meetings for a time period not to exceed 60 minutes, with each person being allowed to speak a maximum of two minutes. Any member of the public may speak to the council on matters of public concern, including matters of general policy, efficiency and the conduct of city government, provided that the president may rule out of order personal, abusive or indecorous language, or matters that the city has no purview over, and may limit the time allotted to such remarks for all speakers not to exceed 60 minutes, up to two minutes per speaker. No person shall cede his/her time to another person. A speaker may yield his/her time to another speaker; the person to whom time has been yielded shall be placed at the end of the speakers' list. Such yielded time shall be heard only during the 60-minute remarks by the public period. Under no circumstances shall any person to whom time has been yielded be allowed to speak during any extensions of the initial remarks by the public period.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Section 2-104. Remarks from public

(a) The council shall hear remarks from the public at its regularly scheduled meetings for a time period not to exceed 60 minutes, with each person being allowed to speak a maximum of two minutes; **however, if a person represents an organization or a group, said person shall be allotted five (5) minutes.** Any member of the public may speak to the council on matters of public concern, including matters of general policy, efficiency and the conduct of city government, provided that the president may rule out of order personal, abusive or indecorous language, or matters that the city has no purview over, and may limit the time allotted to such remarks for all speakers not to exceed 60 minutes, up to two minutes per speaker. No person shall cede his/her time to another person, **(thereby preventing additional time to another person).** A speaker may, however, yield his/her **position** to another speaker.

Section 2: That all ordinances and parts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.